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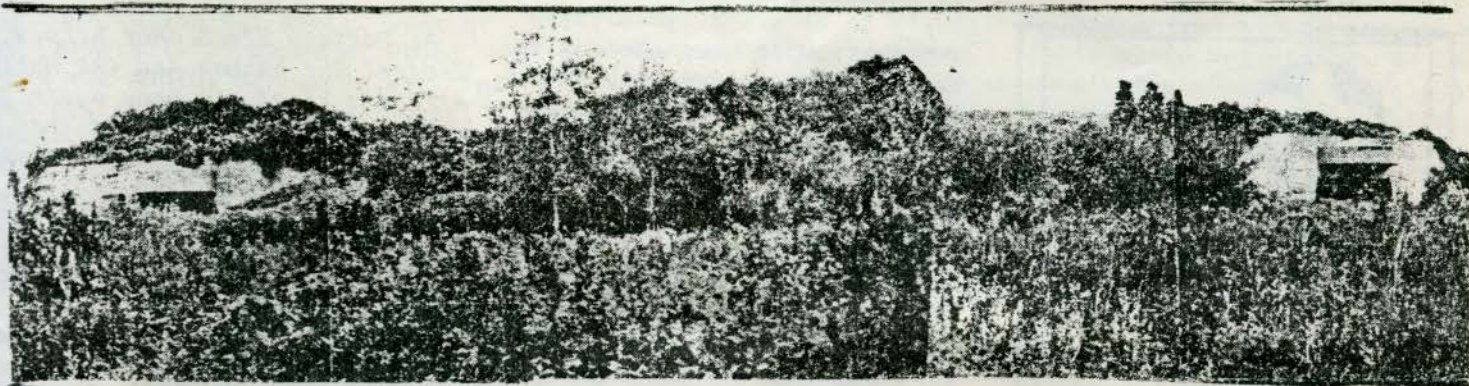
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CASCO BAY ISLAND NEWS



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Spring 1980



Bright End to a Long Road

At the April meeting, the Steering Committee of CBIDA voted to sell Battery Steele on Peaks Island to the Sun Technology and Associated Research group, composed of 10 energy specialists from Maine, Boston and Washington. The decision was based on a landslide preference of proposals sent to the entire membership. This action culminates a 15 year major effort in turning around the former army defense property on the back shore of Peaks Island, covering some 167 acres of land,

and several massive concrete structures.

Laborious steps carried on by volunteers and leading to this fulfillment include the following:

- *Raising a \$50,000 bond issue on \$1,000 investments.
- *Carving out 100 acres for City Parkland and assisting the city in applying for Open Space Funds.
- *Engaging surveyors to lay out 3 sub-divisions, totalling 50 houselots through which to retire the bond investments.

- *Hiring professional help for percolation tests for each lot.
- *Processing sub-divisions through City Planning Board.
- *Discovering that Army water lines could be used, with repairs, and paying for same.
- *Paying 6% interest to all investors.
- *Liquidation of bond obligations through 3 drawings for houselots.
- *Selling parcels not originally included in sub-divisions.
- *Making several disappointing attempts to find a constructive use

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STEELE (from page 1)

for Battery Steel while dealing repeatedly with vandalism.

*Deeding the shore road to the City and keeping pressure on for its rebuilding.

Members of CBIDA are finding a rainbow at the end of all the labors and foresee the time that, not only island residents but the public at

large will benefit from this resource which could have easily been lost to some outside interest.

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Mary Deane, our business secretary, surveyed our membership mailing and reports the following:

Nor by East goes to 20 states outside of Maine. The largest mailing is to Mass. with 54. The next is Fla. with 26. Penn. has 11 and Conn. 18, followed by NY with 16 and NJ with 12. Far-away places with at least one member of CBIDA includes England, Canada, Utah, Missouri, Illinois, Idaho and Oregon.

Members have been advised that Nor by East can use only one address, since trying to follow people around has been both impractical and costly. We are now mailing first class to provide for forwarding. Courtesy copies at time of publication are available on each island.

GOOD NEWS FOR 766 -

New England Telephone is adding some \$17,000 in new switching equipment to its central office on Island Avenue on Peaks Island.

Area telephone manager Joseph Cloutier said, "The installation of new trunks and associated equipment will increase the capabilities of the Peaks Island switching office to meet the present and future needs of telephone subscribers."

This is one of many such projects New England Telephone is undertaking this year as part of its \$65 million construction program to expand and improve telephone service in Maine.

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CLIFF ISLAND SUITE
 Scheduled for spring publication is Cliff Island Suite, piece for junior high bands by Robert Jager. Inspired by a slide show of Cliff Island pictures by friends, Doug and Betty Rideout, the piece has movements - Island Clambake, On Casco Bay (complete with fo horns), and Aucocisco, the Mail Boat.

EDITORIAL

As Battery Steel once helped protect the harbor and the North Atlantic Fleet, so once again it will serve our country in the battle for energy which President Carter has called "the moral equivalent of war". Nor by East says "Well done"; to those whose past efforts for CBIDA's Project Oceanside have contributed so much to the area. We look forward to the future when CBIDA can get out of the land holding business and on with its purpose of maintaining and improving the quality of life on all the islands.

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ISLANDERS ABROAD

Peaks Island is being represented in some of the most exciting parts of the globe. Henry Adamson II, retired from the Portland Transit District, is setting up a bus service in Saudi Arabia.

Edward Parker is on an engineering assignment -also in Saudi Arabia.

"The decision to join Peace Corps was made during our senior year at the University of Maine at Orono. There was months of making out applications, taking physicals, dental checks, shots, eye exams, and passports. Also waiting to see if we would be accepted as a couple and be able to work near each other. Peter has a forestry degree and I have a biology degree. We told our families on Graduation Day of our plans.

A meeting was held in New Orleans in June for volunteers from all over the country. At this point we either accepted or rejected. We accepted and it was back home to settle all our affairs.

We left Portland on July 4 for New York. There we met everyone again. Flew overnight to Paris, France. This is where we separated for our assignments. The next day we flew Air Afrique to Niamey, Niger and to Ouagadougou, the capital of Upper Volta. This is a French speaking country. Peter's first impression was like being on another planet.

Our stay in Ouaga was for in-country training and language classes, field trips and actual living experiences with families. Peter speaks French, so his was brushup. I didn't and was in a slow class.

After fifteen weeks we were sworn in as Peace Corps volunteers and our two years began. We were given Mobylettes. These are our transportation unless we go by train.

Our assignment is in the village of Berekadougou. 12 Km. north of Banfora. The village is

Commander and Mrs. Francis Litchfield have returned from winter travels throughout the Middle East with adventure stories to tell.

With the Peace Corps in Upper Volta, West Africa (north of Ghana and the Ivory Coast) are Peter and Sheri (Morrill) Linehan. Sheri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Tom) Morrill who share these excerpts of her experiences -

run by a chief and he controls everything. There is no electricity and no running water. We get water from a well. It has to be filtered and iodized for drinking and cooking. We have a frog who has made his home in the sandbox we built to hold our cannery of water. A cannery being an earthen jar and put in the sand so that as moisture collects on the outside, due to evaporation, it will run down into the sand and help keep the water cool. For warm water to bathe we set the tub in the sun and it heats to a comfortable temperature, sometimes getting too hot. We must wash and soak in iodized water all vegetables and fruits that are not peelable.

Shopping in the market was quite an experience. You must bargain for everything. You ask how much and if you think it is too much, you might make a face and say no, they give another price, then you might agree, and buy.

Peter's work is in forestry. He has a tree plantation (a pinierie) to rejuvenate. He has eucalyptus seeds to start. He is supposed to design and build a nursery and distribute the trees when ready.

My work is called animatrice, (health, nutrition, and other community programs.) At the present time it involves weighing babies and children and recording on charts. Holding demonstrations and having talks on nutrition. Also we have sewing classes and teaching embroidery. It is the hot season and planting will begin soon. The women will be working in the fields. I hope to learn the local language of Jula.

Our work is slow and sometimes frustrating. We are only two of a handful of white people in the village and are watched and stared at a lot. We feel that this is a great learning experience.

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YEAR OF THE W

Fall, 1979 saw the first women join the Chebeague Rescue Team. According to Rescue Captain Kenneth Hamilton, they are doing a great job, responding to rescue calls and accompanying the unit to all fires. Sue Burgess, one of the new members, reports on the workings of the Rescue Team.

TO THE RESCUE

Susan Burgess

Broken bones, heart attack, ingested mushrooms, dog bites, bee stings, dislocated joints, amputated fingers, car or motorcycle accidents - a Chebeague dial spins the number of the Cumberland-Chebeague Fire and Rescue. The monitor radios in the homes of firemen and rescue team sound the alarm tone, the dispatcher in Cumberland broadcasts the location and nature of the call.

Within minutes Chebeague Rescue Vehicle 116, crewed by the first members to arrive at the station, is "10-8" [in service]. In less than 5 minutes, joined by other members of the team, they are at the scene with the necessary equipment and most important, their training in First Aid, Life Support including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and Crash Injury Management. If a decision is made to transport, the dispatcher alerts the water taxi and the Cumberland Rescue Squad, the

patient is made secure and comfortable on a stretcher, loaded carefully into the Rescue Vehicle for the trip to Stone Pier. From there, he/she is taken to Cousins Island where the Cumberland ambulance is waiting to take the patient on the last leg of the trip to a Portland hospital. The approximate time between the call for help and arrival at the hospital is about 47 minutes.

Volunteer involvement in rescue work on the part of Chebeaguers is not new. Fishermen in their own boats have more than once made hasty trips to Portland with an injured neighbor. Around 1950, the milkman used his truck to carry stretchers.

The first ambulance was purchased and maintained by the Chebeague Island Council. Emergency calls were received over the "Red Network" telephones that also called out the firemen. As a result of medical opinion, that a victim has an increased chance of survival if his/her condition is stabilized before transport, a law was passed in 1968 requiring that all ambulance drivers and attendants take a qualifying exam for licensing by the state. To prepare for this exam, the rescue volunteers completed an Ambulance Attendant's Course set up and instructed by a staff of doctors at Maine Medical Center.

TO THE COUNCIL

Chebeague Island has sent its first woman representative to the Cumberland Town Council. Mrs. Donna (Miller) Damon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Miller, Chebeague, traces her roots to Ambrose Hamilton, one of the earliest settlers on Chebeague. A graduate of Greely High School and University of Maine Portland-Gorham, she is a teacher at Greely Jr. High, a member of the Maine Historical Society and of the North Yarmouth Tricentennial Lecture Committee. She wrote some chapters of Cumberland, Maine in Four Centuries and has conducted a lecture series on Chebeague History.

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MAN ON CHEBEAGUE

In 1974, the Town of Cumberland apportioned a budget for the Rescue Unit and the ambulance now in use was purchased. A 1974 Ford Econoline Van, the vehicle's interior was customized by a Chebeague carpenter, donating his time and talent, with help from other members of the Rescue Team and advice from Cumberland rescue workers.

The interest, involvement, and support of rescue work on Chebeague has been consistently growing. In the summer of 1979 a Crash Injury Management Course, taught by instructors from SMVTI saw 20 Chebeaguers attending 50

hours of classes on the island. Instruction included training in CPR, patient surveys, splinting, bandaging, oxygen therapy, proper handling of a stretcher, and psychological first aid. One August Sunday the schoolyard was a disaster scene as 'victims' were extricated from 'wrecked' automobiles brought down from the dump for the purpose. Upon completion of the course, the Chebeague Rescue Team had 8 new members-7 of them women-and a total of 15 volunteers who meet bi-monthly to refresh their knowledge, practice drills, and plan for the future.

Chebeague's Rescue Team
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Chebeague is highly appreciative of the whole-hearted financial support given the Rescue Unit by the Town of Cumberland and justifiably proud of the men and women who volunteer their nerve and knowledge for this necessary health service.

Members are: Kenneth Hamilton (Capt.), Everett Ross (Lt.), Robert Parker, Linden Smith, Doug Ross, Beverly Johnson, Beth Smith, Sue Burgess, Marlene Bowen, Dianne Calder, Tom Calder, Cheryl Buxbaum, Don Buxbaum, Natalie Parker, Gunnar Wood.

TO THE OLYMPICS

Chebeague boys and girls gave up gymnastics for part of the winter while their coach, Beverly Johnson served as the Maine torchbearer for the Winter Olympics. They made up for it, however, by being the first to see the pre-Olympic movie as well as getting a firsthand report of the Games and a chance to examine the torch.

Beverly reports that one of the highlights of the experience for her was running with the torch through New York City. She was also the bearer to arrive at Saranac Lake and was presented the keys to the city.

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OPERATION IDENTIFICATION COMING TO THE ISLANDS OF CASCO BAY

Under the new leadership of Rodney E. Wright, Director of the Department of Public Safety, his main concern is to implement some crime prevention programs on the Islands of Casco Bay. His first measure was to send Officer Daniel Ridlon to the Police Academy in Waterville for a week's instruction on Crime Prevention. After his return one of the programs implemented was Operation Identification. This will involve marking of any valuable personal items in a person's home. The marking is done by using an electric engraving tool. Any type of identifying mark may be used, such as a person's security number.

Everything that is marked will be written down on a person's property record which will be kept by the owner and should be left in a safe place. If a person's property is stolen, the victim can give the police an accurate description of the items taken

"EDIE" BEAULIEU A CANDIDATE

Representative Edith Beaulieu will seek re-election for a third term to the Maine House of Representatives from District 21-1 which includes Peaks, Long, Cliff, and the Diamond Islands as well as 2/3 of Munjoy Hill. Mrs. Beaulieu has visited island constituents including those on Long and Cliff Islands as often as possible as well as attending town meetings and CBIDA meetings. She has been active on Committees on Education and Labor including the Blue Ribbon Committee that studied the problems of the Vocational and Technical Institutes in the state.

and where they are engraved with their identifying mark.

Director Wright encourages each resident to participate in this program since it is his goal, with the help of the Public Safety officers, to discourage the burglarizing of island homes and to combat the special problems the island residents have. This will be one of several programs he would like to implement on the islands.

Anyone wishing more information on this program should call the Peaks Island Public Safety Unit at the following number: 775-6361, Ext. 379. Leave your name and number with the officer there and Officer Daniel Ridlon will contact you.

Cliff Island

will host the Annual Meeting of CBIDA. Watch for details.

TAXI RECEIVES SUBSIDY

Negotiating with the Southern Maine Senior Citizen Association, the owner of Peaks Island's taxi service, Charles Trynor, has broken ground on a new and valuable service.

He has obtained a subsidy which permits anyone over 60, or any disabled person of any age, to ride the taxi for 25¢ plus a senior citizen coupon obtained in books from the Senior Center on Peaks. Usual taxi fare is \$1.25.

COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVE

An island tour of the constructing and running of a campground were among the ideas suggested at the first meeting of the Peaks Island Chapter of Channel One, a youth-run public service organization. The organization, open to all island teenagers meets at the new Peaks Island Community Center.

The Center had its dedication on May 24th with a speaker, demonstrations and refreshments

Peaks Island readers were especially grateful to have the new branch library included in the grand opening, after a city budget cut had seemed to mandate a closing even before the opening. A 'Friends of the Library' group is planned, in response to the eagerness of

Peaks residents to help with the Library.

CLIFF'S SHARKS HAVE 4-3 SEASON

Coached by Earl MacVane and Don Kelley, the Cliff Island Sharks won 4 of their 7 basketball games. The team and its rooters were a familiar sight on the Saturday morning CBL run. Practice in the Association Hall as well as on the outdoor court at school led the Sharks all the way to the Peaks Island Tournament where they met four other area school teams, including one from Peaks Island.

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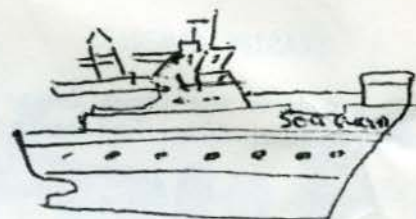
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TWO SHOWS AT ART GALLERY

The new owners of the Avenue House, Helen Vita-Young and Tom Young, will open the doors of their new art gallery with two important shows this summer. The first, the work of internationally acclaimed photographer, Jerry N. Uelsmann, will have an opening reception on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15 from 1-5 p.m. and continues through July 12.

The second show, opening Thursday, July 17, with a reception from 6-8 p.m. runs through August 10. It features 10 fine artists of Peaks Island. The show, the First Peaks Island Invitational, encompasses photography, painting, silk screen, wood engraving painting, air-brush and three dimensional art. Artists include: Claudia Whitman, Carol Whitmore, Helen Vita-Young, Glenn Richmond, Chake Kavoojian, Richard Hutchins, J. Thomas Young, Barbara Hawes, Peyton Higgison, and Larry Hayden.

Gallery hours are: Thurs-Sat. 1-6 p.m. Fri. 1-8 p.m. There is no admission fee.



SEA QUEEN Rob Parker

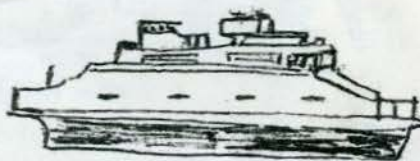
ON THE WATERFRONT

News along the waterfront is on the upbeat. CBL's SEA QUEEN IV will be a new member of the floating fleet with daily excursions to Boothbay Harbor. The Aquarium on a barge at Long Wharf is well worth a visit. Activity is starting on the renovation of Tony DiMillo's newest acquisition-the 216 ft. NEWPORT which, by another year, will become a Long Wharf restaurant.

Negotiations are still going forward for the City acquisition of the East end of Long Wharf for the new Casco Bay terminal. Independent appraisers had valued the property considerably lower than the previously announced option and a compromise is essential to comply with federal requirements.

Heavy equipment used by the City on Peaks Island is now being transported by a City owned barge which lands at the foot of Centennial Street.

A new parking garage is rapidly going up adjacent to the Canal Bank on Fore St., convenient to the waterfront traveler.



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MOSQUITOES, BUZZ OFF!

Betty Seymour reports that the second dragonfly nymph program is underway on Cliff Island. Interested islanders purchased dragonfly nymphs and, in April, placed them in swamps and ditches around the island. Nympha gobble mosquitoes to larvae and adult dragonflies thrive on adult mosquitoes. The cost of \$8 for 50 nymphs compares favorably with the price of mosquito repellents-and a dragonfly is prettier. It's nice to work with Mother Nature.

NO BRICK THIS TIME

CBL's Peter McLaughlin shares the following as one of the few bouquets CBL has received from anywhere. A bit of background is in order. It seems that the new 1000 gal. pumper belonging to the Peaks Fire Dept. had been on the mainland waiting for a part. At 10:30 p.m. on April 4 AND at 2:30 and 4:30 a.m. on April 5, there were 3 fires on Peaks. A crack of dawn call from the City to CBL brought the pumper back to Peaks on a special run by the car ferry.

"Dear Captain Thurlow:

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ACTIVE

The Transportation Committee of CBIDA is alive and well under the chairmanship of Johanna von Tilling, Cliff Island. Following the committee's recommendation, CBIDA will be opposing the 23% rate increase which Casco Bay Lines is asking from the PUC. The Committee hopes to find some alternative suggestions to such a high increase before the hearing, for which no date has yet been set.

In the meantime, the Transportation Committee will be exploring the possibility of getting a city subsidy to assist CBL in serving the island people. State legislation enabling such action by the city is already on the books.



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SEASIDE MEMORIES

*I walked upon the sands today
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*If one has lived by the ocean
shore*

For many years

Let us say fourscore

*Three generations have come and
gone away*

*Many thoughts must in the memory
stay*

*Lest the tides of life cast them
astray*

*We often played upon the beach
Just beyond the curling reach
Of waves that washed up o'er the
sand*

*With pail and shovel were cast-
les made*

*And though we knew they never
stayed*

*We dreamed of them throughout
the night*

*And the tumbled sands were a
pleasant sight.*

The frolic signs of yesterday!

R.W. Laughlin



Kim Kuntz

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- estimation of the fair market value of a property and the effects on its value of alternative conservation actions.

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